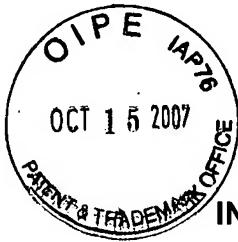


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a European Search Report from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application. An English abstract for one of the listed foreign documents is attached. Applicants note that listed U.S. Patent No. 6,699,613 corresponds to listed document DE 10121176 A1, which is not in English. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed. A copy of the U.S. patent and patent publication are not enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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